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SUBJ: COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

1. AMBASSADOR SALGREN (FINLAND), THE DIRECTOR-DESIGNATE OF THE UNITED NATIONS CENTER FOR TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS, HAS BEEN VISITING NEW YORK THIS WEEK FOR LOW-KEYED CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO ASSUMING HIS NEW POST ON NOVEMBER 1.

2. HE ADVISES THAT THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS ARE NOW FIRMLY TAKEN:

1. THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER WILL REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND NOT THROUGH THE UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL (ESA), AS HAD BEEN EARLIER ENVISAGED.

2. HE HAS OBTAINED A D-2 LEVEL POST WHICH WILL BE ALLOCATED TO A YET-TO-BE-NAMED DEPUTY. SALGREN INTENDS TO VISIT ECLA HEADQUARTERS LATER THIS

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YEAR AND IN CONSULTATION WITH EXECUTIVE SECRE-

TARY IGLESIAS WILL NOMINATE A RELATIVELY LIBERAL
LATIN-AMERICAN FOR THE DEPUTY SLOT. FYI: HE
BELIEVES IT ESSENTIAL TO APPOINT A LIBERAL LATIN AMERICAN
AS AN OFFSET TO HIS OWN GENERALLY CONSERVATIVE
STANCE IN RE TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

3. TH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HAS ALSO OBTAINED TWO D-1 POSTS,
ONE PROVISIONALLY OFFERED TO GEORGE FEISSEL (USA), FORMERLY
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO RETIRED USYG DE SEYNES AND FORMERLY
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE GROUP OF HIGH LEVEL EXPERTS ON
TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS. THE SECOND D-1 POST HAS BEEN
OFFERED TO A "NON POLITICAL CHINESE" BY THE NAME OF WANG.

4. SALGREN INTENDS TO ASK FOR A POSTPONEMENT IN THE NEXT
MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON TNC'S IN ORDER TO BETTER ORGAN-
IZE HIS FIRST MEETING WITH THE GROUP. HE IS ALSO ENCOUNTERING
CONSIDERABLE RESISTANCE, TO HIS PRELIMINARY NOTION OF CONVENING
THE NEXT COMMISSION SESSION AT LIMA.

5. IN THE COURSE OF RENEWAL OF LONG-TIME ACQUAINTANCE WITH
MIN-COUN, HE SAID THAT HE HAD PERSONAL ASSURANCES FROM PRESI-
DENT OF FINLAND THAT AT THE END OF THE THREE-YEAR STINT IN
THIS POSITION, HE WOULD BE ABLE TO RESUME HIS DIPLOMATIC
CAREER AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL.
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